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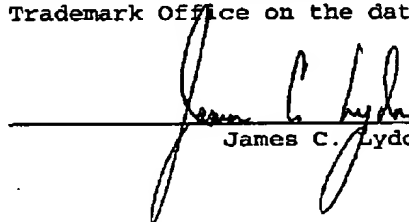
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For: BIODEGRADABLE CERAMIC FIBRES FROM SILICA SOLS

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed December 5, 2005, please reconsider this application in view of the following remarks. Claims 16, 18, 19 and 24-34 are pending.

The 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) rejection of claims 34, 16, 18, 19 and 24-33 over U.S. Patent No. 6,632,412 to Peltola et al. is respectfully traversed. The effective reference date of Peltola et al. is December 1, 1999, which is later then the applicants' priority date of February 22, 1999. Peltola et al. is thus not a reference against this application. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) rejection of claims 34, 16, 18, 19 and 24-33 over Peltola et al. are earnestly requested.